

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

September 8, 2014

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, at 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., with the following members present:

- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson, Chair
- Shaun Hatfield
- Donna LeBlanc-Messenger

Absent were members George El-Jakl due to vacation, and Jody Crook due to work commitment.

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk

CLOSED SESSION

Members entered into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing legal matters pertaining to the James Brannen camp lease and the Gardiner Allen pension plan.

The Municipal Solicitor attended the Closed Session for the purpose of discussing these matters.

Having completed their discussion of these matters, members then returned to Open Session.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

It was reported by the Warden that the Municipal Solicitor has been instructed to prepare a response regarding the camp lease issue.

A response to the Gardiner Allen pension issue has been deferred to the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting for discussion with all councillors present.

The update on the former BMHS legal case was deferred to the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting to be done when the other councillors are also present.

WOODS HARBOUR MONUMENT

This matter was also deferred to the next committee meeting when additional councillors would be present.

JAKE BRAKES

A resident of Barrington Passage has complained that there is frequently noise in the area from vehicles using engine braking systems, or “Jake Brakes”.

Resolution COW140901

Moved by D. Messenger and seconded by S. Hatfield that it be recommended to Council that a letter be sent to the RCMP indicating that engine brakes are being used in the 50 kilometer zone in Barrington Passage, and requesting the RCMP to monitor and address this matter under the Motor Vehicle Act.

Motion carried unanimously.

FLOATING DOCKS

The purchase of floating docks for the North East Point area, and also for the Friends of the Lighthouse Society to be used at The Hawk, was further discussed. The docks will be purchased in the near future and moved to municipal locations for storage until they are actually being used by the local groups. One dock will be placed at the rest stop at The Hawk and the other will be placed at the Causeway near the dory club's storage shed.

ORDER OF BARRINGTON

The proposed policy for the Order of Barrington was discussed at length by members. There were various possible amendments discussed. After considerable discussion it was the consensus of members that no definitive action be recommended for this proposed policy at this time.

OWAISSA PARK

A suggestion has been received to make an adjustment to the fence at Owaissa Park in order to alter the manner in which ducks enter and exit the pond. This suggestion was discussed and considered by members but was deemed not to be advisable.

SPRUCE DRIVE

The paving of Spruce Drive is a project that was previously discussed at a Council meeting on January 28, 2013. At that time a motion had been passed to again consider the paving of the remainder of Spruce Drive and Nicholas Drive once the provincial portion of the road had been paved. This is a matter that is also listed as a Capital Investment Plan project, and therefore committee has deferred it to its next meeting when the Capital Investment Plan projects will be discussed.

KELLEY PENNEY REQUEST

Resolution COW140902

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that a donation be made to the Barrington Municipal High School in support of its recreation activities for students, in the amount of \$200.00 from the Municipality's Activities Fund, and that a letter be sent to Kelley Penney indicating that this donation has been made to the High School as a result of her request.

Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN'S ENGAGEMENT SESSION

The UNSM is hosting a Citizen's Engagement Session in Truro on September 19, 2014. The Municipality will pay the cost of attendance at this session for any councillors wishing to attend.

SEASIDE TOURIST REST STOP

Members were informed that it is necessary to have some engineering work done in preparation for the tendering of the construction of the Seaside Tourist Rest Stop. An estimate has been obtained for the cost of this engineering work. It will be determined whether this work needs to be tendered under municipal policy. The matter will be discussed at the next Committee of the Whole Council meeting.

UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA MUNICIPALITIES

Councillor Hatfield and Warden Nickerson indicated they would be attending the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities Conference in November. Deputy Warden Messenger indicated she would not be attending. The appropriate registrations will be made.

LOWER CLARK'S HARBOUR PROPERTY

In 2013 the Municipality purchased a property at Tax Sale in Lower Clark's Harbour. This property is in a poor state of repair and demolishing this property will leave an appropriate location to establish a new tourist rest stop.

Resolution COW140903

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that it be recommended to Council that the Municipality demolish the former Geneva's Restaurant in Lower Clark's Harbour and clean up the property appropriately.

Motion carried unanimously.

WEBSITE

It was suggested the use of drop down menus be employed in the Municipality's website, and that a portion of the website be reserved for information for councillors who would be able to log into that site.

Further information will be obtained on having these changes made to the website.

ALVA GARRON RECOGNITION

Members were informed that a ceremony will be held at the Barrington Lions Hall on September 26, 2014, at 3:30 p.m., to recognize Alva Garron's forty (40) years of service to the funeral business in this community. An appropriate certificate will be prepared for presentation to him.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 10:16 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting

On website September 9, 2014.